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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE FREE TRADE ISSUE RAISED IN BUDGET DEBATE.

TAX ON CHINA TEA THEN END OF  
CHAMBERLAIN WEDGE.

LONDON, May 1.  
In the House of Commons, during  
the debate on the Budget, Sir Donald  
McLean declared that the 'imperial  
preference proposal' was the start on  
a great system of tariff reform  
which must include food taxes.

Mr. Chamberlain, interrupting,  
said it was no part of the Govern-  
ment's proposal to impose new  
duties on food.

Sir Donald McLean declared that  
the tea preference would irritate  
China and possibly affect our trade  
relations and exports. The Dominions  
had little to do with export  
manufactures. He and his supporters  
would fight the proposal, which  
would smash Free Trade.

Lieut.-Col. Amery said a policy of  
imperial preference was advocated  
by the imperial conferences, by more  
than one royal commission, and by  
all the Dominion governments. He  
might hope as a result of this small  
measure to get an increase, not neces-  
sarily of protection in the United  
Kingdom, but of inter-imperial free  
trade between the Dominions and  
the Mother Country and between one  
Dominion and another. Surely that  
was a worthy object.

A 'TIMES' COMMENT.  
The Times says the introduction of  
imperial preference marks an epoch  
in the history of British Budgets, and  
hopes it will be generally accepted  
on its merits without undue associa-  
tion with larger controversies.

Col. Amery said there was a very  
strong body of free-traders in Canada  
who wanted Free Trade in certain  
categories of goods and in other  
categories fifty per cent. preference  
within the Empire. He opined  
that if this policy had been  
carried out in 1903 we should not  
have had the very heavy war time  
food prices. The world had moved  
in the last sixteen years. Canada  
was becoming a great industrial and  
manufacturing country. She would  
be capable under substantial prefer-  
ence in the next few years of  
supplying quite as much effective  
competition to keep our manu-  
factures alive as any free-trader  
could desire.

Col. Amery declared that a prefer-  
ence import on manufactures would  
be of appreciable value to Canada  
which was becoming a great manu-  
facturing country. It was not a gift  
to any of the Dominions but em-  
bodied a principle which would be  
incalculably valuable in the future.  
Continuing, Col. Amery emphasised  
the great potential value of prefer-  
ence to the empire overseas. For  
instance, only seven per cent. of our  
total consumption of sugar came  
from the empire but the over-  
seas empire could produce enough  
sugar for five United Kingdoms.  
The empire produced only two per  
cent. of the tobacco we consumed,  
yet South Africa, Rhodesia, Nyasa-  
land, the West Indies, and possibly  
Nigeria, certainly India, could pro-  
duce all our requirements. That was  
the goal placed before growers  
throughout the empire. As regards  
tea, the result of a twopenny reduc-  
tion would be to lower consumers'  
prices and improve the quality. We  
were entering upon a new period in  
the history of the empire and would  
progress only if these problems were  
regarded from the viewpoint of  
wider unity of the empire.

"DOMINION QUARTERS"  
PLEASED.  
Reuter learns there is a general  
feeling of satisfaction in Dominion  
quarters with the movement towards  
imperial preference. Sir George  
Perley said the government and  
people of Canada will be much  
pleased at Britain adopting the  
principle of empire preference. He  
opined it would cause increased  
trade between various parts of the  
empire, and afford Canada an  
opportunity of supplying goods to  
British markets which formerly came  
from enemy countries. It is a step  
towards making the empire self-  
supporting.

Hon. W. P. Schreiner said all parts  
and all people of South Africa would  
welcome this first step in the direc-  
tion they had long hoped to see the  
Mother Country moving. It afforded  
an opportunity for South African  
wines and spirits and was likely to  
be productive of great mutual benefit.  
He hoped the step would result in  
strengthening empire relations.

Sir Thomas Mackenzie said the  
step was in the direction of the  
aspirations of New Zealand. He  
hoped the new departure, which  
was at present limited, would develop.  
Anyhow it would enable the British  
people to negotiate with other  
nations on a more equitable basis.

### THE AFGHAN "WAR."

SIMLA, May 12.

Our advanced troops at Landi Kotal  
having been reinforced, we developed  
our attack on the morning of the  
Eleventh, against Afghans holding  
the Khargali position in force. The  
attack was completely successful.  
We now hold Khargali, securing us  
Baga village and its springs. We  
captured three guns and two horse  
teams. Aerial reconnaissance up to  
midday yesterday reported numbers  
of the enemy retreating from the spur  
about Khargali into Nala, leading  
towards Dacca. Our casualties are  
reported slight. The attitude of our  
independent tribes continues satis-  
factory. The Khoshtals are disap-  
pointed at the promised distribution  
of arms not having been fulfilled.

Reports from Landi Kotal show  
that the Afghans were heavily pun-  
ished in the action of the Eleventh.  
We captured six guns, including one  
Gardner gun. The enemy losses in  
killed are estimated at about one  
hundred. We buried many. These  
figures exclude the casualties inflicted  
by the aeroplanes. More distant  
bombing raids which are reported  
had an excellent effect at Jawalabad  
and Ningrahar. This is evident  
because Loc Dakma, the advanced  
headquarters and concentration  
point of the Afghan regular troops  
is reported by aerial reconnaissance  
to be still evacuated. A successful  
air raid was also made against Chora  
Fort at the eastern end of the  
Bazar Valley, belonging to the  
malcontent Afridi Malik, who are  
threatening trouble to our commu-  
nications with Khyber Pass and whom  
the tribesmen asked us to punish.

The enemy on the Dacca front is  
reported suffering from shortage of  
rations which is very probable in  
view of the deserted state of  
Jawalabad Dacca road, as reported  
by our airmen. The Darajut Bannu  
borders report all quiet.

The demeanour of all the independent  
tribes continues satisfactory. Our  
total casualties to date are: British  
killed, four; wounded, 19. Indian  
killed, seven; wounded, 22.

### BOMBS BY MAIL.

TERRORISM IN THE U.S.A.

LONDON, MAY 1.

New York to-day reports that 36  
bombs were discovered in the mails at  
New York and elsewhere. The Post  
Office authorities are convinced that  
the discovery has unearthed a plot by  
terrorists to assassinate high person-  
ages as a Mayday demonstration. The  
majority of the addressees were  
prominent anti-reds, including Sena-  
tor Hardwick, the author of the bill  
to prevent immigration. His wife  
was injured by the bomb. A coun-  
trywide search is being made for the  
perpetrators.

The agents of the department of  
justice believe the bombs found in  
the mails were of German origin.

### OBITUARY.

LONDON, May 1.

Sir Frank Crisp is dead, at the age  
of 76.  
[He was senior partner in a London  
firm of solicitors, and was knighted  
in 1907 for his work on the Board of  
Trade Committee for the Amendment  
of Companies Act. He was raised to  
the Baronetcy in 1915. Company  
law and microscopy were his chief  
interests.—Ed. C. M.]

### PARIS CONFERENCE.

LONDON, May 1.

Paris reported yesterday that the  
Council of Three was occupied with  
the financial claims of Belgium.  
Simultaneously a council of ministers  
was held at Brussels presided over  
by the King, whereas the Cabinet  
was informed of the exchange of  
views yesterday between the Belgian  
plenipotentiaries and the Council of  
Three at Paris. It was decided that  
Ministers Jaspard, Renkin, and  
Frank should return immediately to  
Paris to define the instructions to  
the delegates.

### GERMANY MAY JOIN THE LEAGUE IN A YEAR.

Lord Robert Cecil will probably be  
the British representative of the  
organizing committee of the League  
of Nations. It is possible Germany  
will be admitted to the League after  
a short probation, probably a twelve  
month, on the ground of the bene-  
ficial influence of the League in  
moulding the new Germany.

## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

### GERMAN DOINGS.

LONDON, May 1.

It is reported from Vienna that  
the Hungarian government is over-  
thrown. Berlin newspapers state  
that the People's Commissaries for  
food, war, and foreign affairs have  
arrived at Vienna with their families,  
this indicating flight from Budapest.

The Spartacist committee at  
Munich has offered a cessation of  
fighting if Hoffman's troops are  
guaranteed not to enter the city.  
The government troops refused and  
demanded unconditional surrender.

Latest reports from Berlin and  
Munich say the Spartacists every-  
where are retreating. The Red  
Army is gradually approaching  
dissolution.

Government troops have penetrated  
Munich defences from the north.  
Severe fighting continued at  
night time around the railway  
station. Many workers surren-  
dered their arms. The disintegration  
of the Red Army is proceeding  
rapidly. The majority of the in-  
habitants welcomed the government  
men. Many of them participated in  
the fighting against the Reds. It is  
reported that the Spartacists murder-  
ed a number of prominent hostages,  
including Count Bothmer.

### THE BOLSHEVIST WAR.

LONDON, May 1.

The Bolsheviks were evacuating  
Petrograd on April 29. Finlanders  
expect the fall of Petrograd in a few  
weeks.

### TROTSKY IN A HURRY.

LONDON, May 1.

Copenhagen learns from Libau  
that the Russian Soviet government  
is making extraordinary efforts to  
secure troops for an offensive against  
general Kolchak. Trotsky has  
appealed for swift and thorough  
action as it is necessary to defeat  
General Kolchak in the shortest  
possible time.

LONDON, May 1.

In the House of Commons Mr.  
Harnsworth in reply to a question  
said negotiations were being conduct-  
ed for the exchange of all British  
naval, military, and civilian prisoners  
at present in the hands of the  
Russian Bolsheviks.

Libau reports that the situation  
is acute. The attempted appoint-  
ment of the new cabinet failed. A  
prominent Lutheran pastor nominated  
as premier promptly refused. Mean-  
while the Allies are withholding food  
supplies. The danger of civil war is  
growing.

Copenhagen learns from Berlin  
that there is terrible misery in Riga.  
Ten thousand people of all national-  
ities whom the Bolsheviks banished  
to the islands of the Dvina without  
assistance, and scantily clad, will  
succumb unless help of the speediest  
is sent. The Baltic Women's Associa-  
tion has appealed for help to all the  
Red Cross societies.

### PRESENTING THE PRIZE TERMS.

DESCRIPTION.

LONDON, May 2.

Paris reports that the ceremony of  
the verification of credentials on  
May 1 lasted five minutes and was  
most dignified and noteworthy. M.  
Jules Cambon, who was ambassador  
at Berlin in 1914 was the Allied  
spokesman. Count Rantzau, enter-  
ing the hall of the Trianon palace,  
was visibly affected.

M. Cambon intimated that he was  
appointed to receive and examine  
credentials before the deliberations  
which it was hoped would lead to  
peace. Count Rantzau replied simply,  
and presented Herr Landsberg,  
whereafter M. Cambon presented his  
Allied colleagues. The German  
credentials were countersigned by  
Ebert and Schiedemann and sealed  
with the word "Reich" German for  
empire.

### LABOUR DAY IN U.S.A.

FATAL FIGHT.

LONDON, May 2.

A message from Cleveland, Ohio,  
says that the Mayday demonstrations  
a general fight occurred between  
Socialists and others attending a  
Liberty Loan meeting. One bystander  
was killed and three policemen shot;  
200 persons were badly injured.

New York reports that Mayday  
parades and demonstrations in  
various cities resulted in several  
minor encounters with the authorities,  
notably at Boston, where 100 were  
arrested, and a number injured by  
stray shots. Chicago prohibited the  
procession, which started all the  
same, and was broken up by the  
police.

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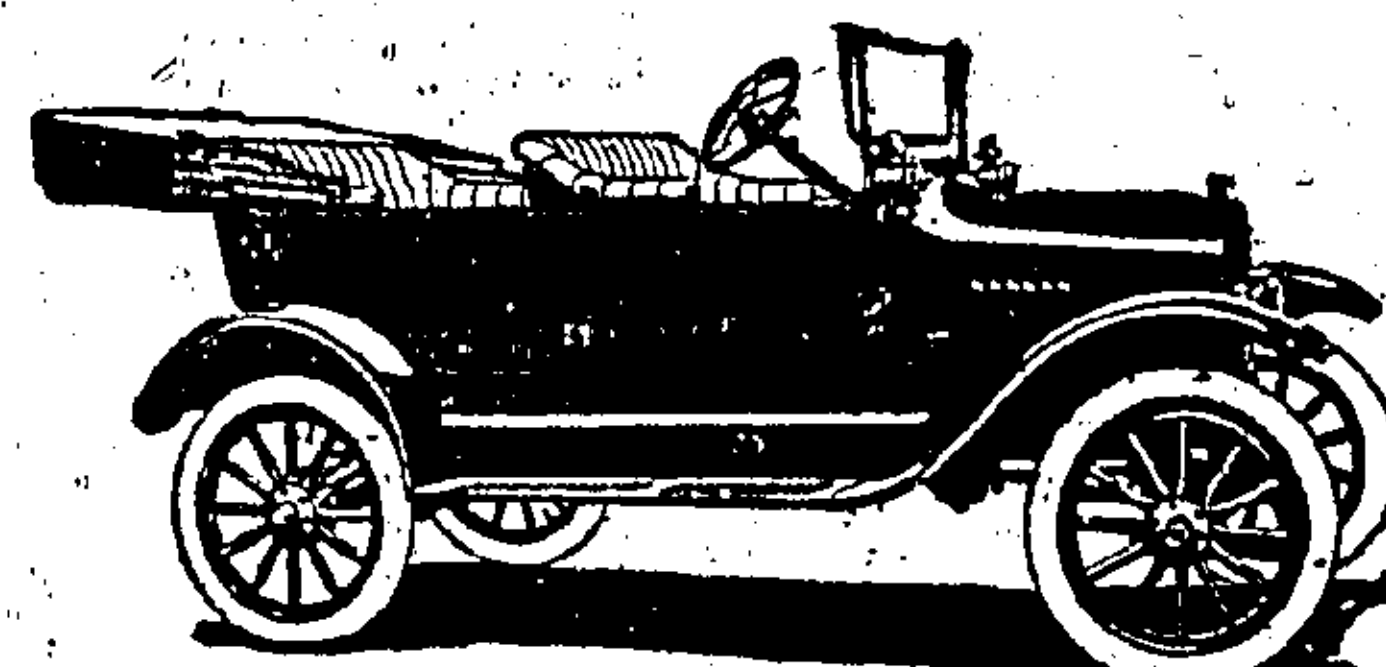
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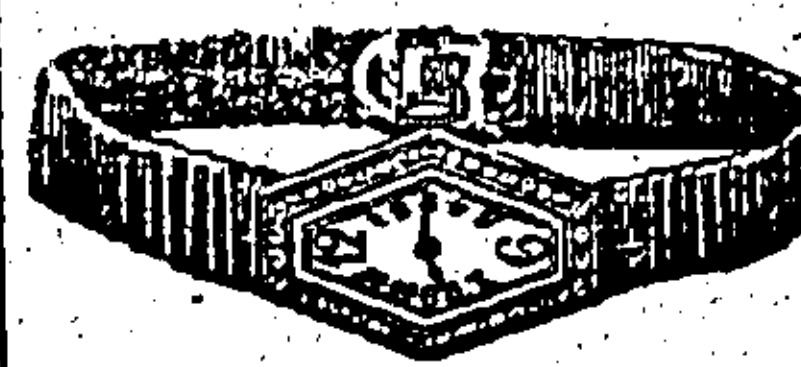
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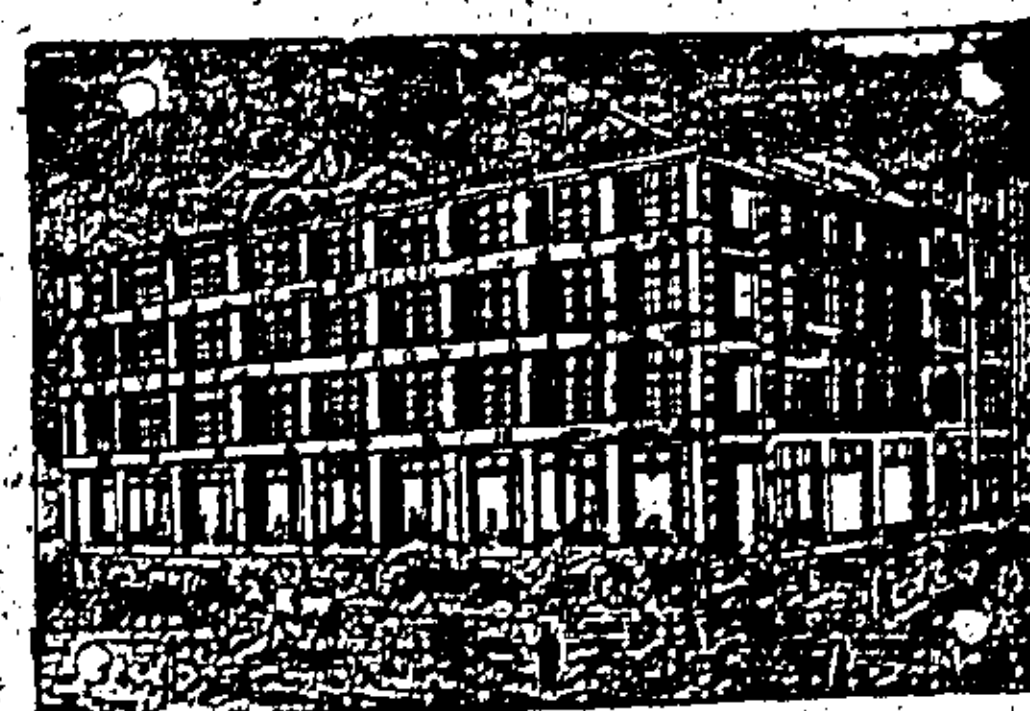
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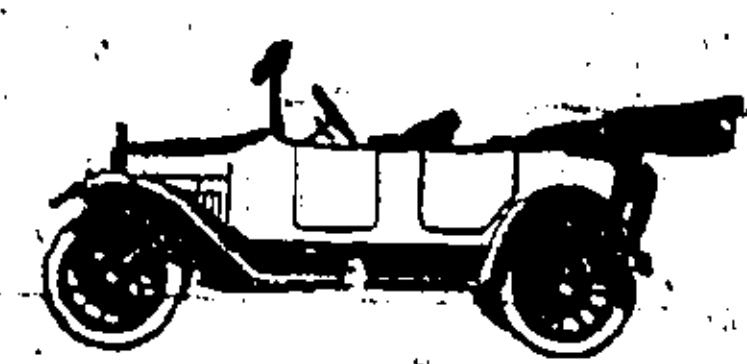
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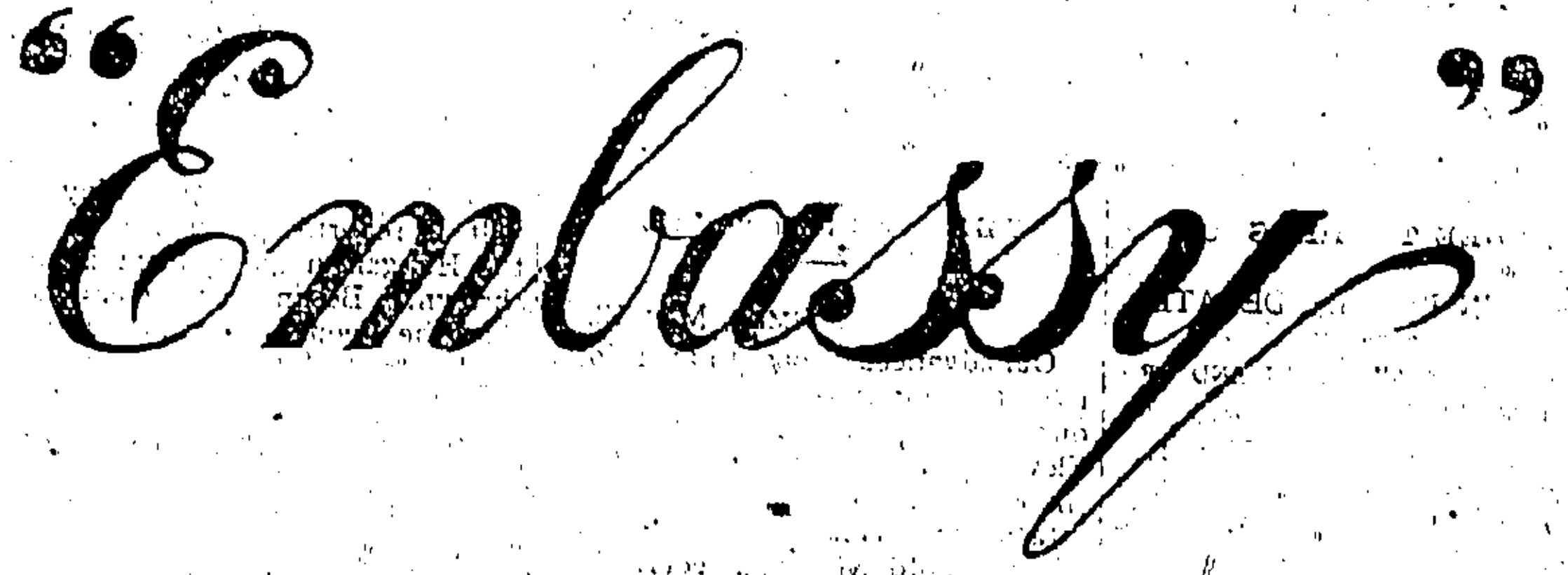
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\$600,000 left by his father increased

to \$1,675,000 by the time he is 21

[he is six years old now], because

his mother will support him from her

own means. This extraordinary

accumulation of the principal, though

judicious investments has been made

known by accountants, who have

given their estimate following the

mother's formal acknowledgment to

the Surrogate's Court that she does

not want any part of her son's estate,

which is now yielding \$28,000 yearly.

Colonel Astor was drowned in the

Titanic. His widow married Mr.

William K. Dick, a Brooklyn news-

paper proprietor. She has wealth of

her own, and Mr. Dick is also well-

to-do. Mrs. Dick is her son's legal

guardian.

WHERE TO FIND HOUSES.

A return of empty houses in Lam-

beth shows 127 empty houses or

tenements and 234 empty places too

dilapidated for occupation.

When the Essex Council

discussed local dilapidated cottages

a councillor said that one was occu-

pied by a soldier owning a mouth-

organ. The wind blew through

cracks in the walls with such force

that, according to the councillor, the

soldier, by putting the mouth-organ

against a crack and then moving it

up and down was able to extract the

popular airs to which he had been

accustomed in the trenches.

CHANGES IN ROYAL MAIL STEAM

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The court of directors of the Royal

Mail Steam Packet Company have

appointed Mr. H. A. P. Cotton, head

of the passenger department, to be

an assistant manager of the com-

pany; and Mr. D. L. Connolly, assist-

ant secretary, to be the secretary to

the company in place of the late

Mr. A. H. Bennett.

THE CHEPSTOW FIASCO.

The remarkable and astonishing

revelations which have been made

concerning the national shipyards at

Chepstow and Beaulieu will, no

doubt, lead to a discussion in Parlia-

ment, if not to the appointment of a

Commission of Enquiry. According

to present information, the scheme

might have been of national benefit

if it had been carried out properly,

but the constant changes of plan,

and absence of technical knowledge

of shipbuilding by the authorities,

have led to an appalling waste of

public money for practically no re-

sult whatever. For our part, we are

chiefly concerned to know whether

the expenditure on these yards is

part of the sum charged up to the

"bricks-and-mortar" vote of the

Navy Estimates. The Works vote

for 1919-20 absorbs six and a half

millions, compared to three and a

half millions in 1914-15. Although

the project may have originally been

charged to Naval votes, it has

nothing whatever to do now with

the Navy.

ROBERT BURNS AND PREHISTORIC

MAN.

Professor Arthur Keith has pro-

pounded an interesting theory as to

Robert Burns' descent from prehis-

toric man. He thinks it quite pos-

sible that the poet had a prehistoric

ancestor lying in a grave at Oban.

He takes one of the skulls found in

MacArthur's Cave at Oban—probably

that of the most ancient inhabitant

of Scotland of the Eolithic and hunt-

ing tribes—and declares it has a re-

markable resemblance to the skull

of Burns, of which four or five casts

exist. Burns had an extremely long

skull, like the one in the cave. His

father was a Campbell from Kin-

cardineshire, but further back he

could be traced to the West Coast.

His mother was probably a High-

land woman, so it was not impos-

sible that there should be an actual

relationship between this ancient in-

habitant of Oban and the great poet

of Scotland. Burns' skull was,

however, half an inch wider, whether

as the result of culture or of new

blood. Professor Keith will not pre-

tend to judge. Burns retained the

ancient length of skull, but added

to its width, and it measured 1,800

centimetres.

NEXT VICEROY.

A home paper hints that the next

viceroy may be, not Lord Willingdon

nor Lord Amhurst but the Duke of

Northumberland. If the prophecy

proves true, this will be the first

time since 1841 that a Duke has been

appointed viceroy. His father, the

Duke of Northumberland, who was

born in 1880, succeeded his father

last year. Lord Alan had Percy, as

he then was, had experience of the

South African war as well as the

recent world war. He married in

1911 Lady Helen Gordon Lennox

daughter of the Duke of Richmond

and Gordon, and their son, Earl

Percy, was born in 1912. His elder

brother,





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## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Concerned),

## SATURDAY,

May 17, 1919, at 12 Noon,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street,  
Five well bred Fox-terrier Pups,  
(6 weeks old).

Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, May 13, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),

## SATURDAY,

17th May, 1919,  
commencing at 2.30 p.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
Chinese Porcelains, Carols, &c.

Comprising:—  
A large variety of 5-coloured and  
3-coloured Vases, Bowls, Plates, &c.,  
blue and white Vases and Figures, &c.,  
old Bronzes, including Incense Burners  
of the Sung and Ming Dynasties,  
Pekinese cloisonne, amber, jadestone,  
crystal and agate Vases and Ornaments,  
Beads, &c., carved Bamboo and Sandal-  
wood Ware, Snuff Bottles, &c.

Also  
Old Lacquered Screens, Kakemonos  
& Embroideries, including large Screen  
of Coromandel Lacquer, representing on  
one side: The Tomb of King Wha, and  
the country surrounding it, famous  
of Chinese General of the dynasty of  
the Nam-Tang (1127) who was success-  
ful in putting the Mongols to flight,  
and reconquering China. On the other  
side: History of a famous pirate  
(Ting Gung) in Chinese romance in 12  
panels—Period Kiensung 1736-1791.

And  
Fire Screen, 8 small panels, Chinese  
painting on glass, scenes of Chinese  
life, period Kiensung (1736-1791).

The greater portion of the above  
stock has recently arrived from the  
North and includes pieces from the  
Sung, Ming, Kanghi, Yungching, Kien-  
lung and Tzongkong Periods.

On view day of sale.  
Catalogues will be issued.

Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, May 12, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),

## TUESDAY,

May 20, 1919, commencing  
at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,  
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

TEAKWOOD AND BLACKWOOD  
FURNITURE, BRASS AND BRASS-  
MOUNTED DOUBLE AND TWIN  
BEDSTRADES, CURTAINS, CARPETS,  
&c., &c.,

Comprising:—  
Chesterfield Sofas, Arm-chairs  
(new) Folding Card and Occasional  
Tables, One Upholstered Suite, Bedroom  
Furniture, comprising Teakwood Twin  
Bedsteads, large and small Wardrobes,  
Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c.,  
(tinned Teakwood), Sideboards, Dinner  
Wagons, Extension Dining Tables  
and Chairs, &c., Dinner Services,  
Crockery, and good Glass Ware,  
Cooking Stoves, Cutlery, &c.  
Bath Room Utensils, Electro-Plated  
Ware.

Electric Bedding Lamps, Blackwood,  
Teakwood and Lacquered Screens, a  
quantity of Blackwood Furniture,  
Blackwood Fire Screens, Side Tables,  
Chairs, Cabinets, Pictures, &c. Oil  
Paintings, Several Carpets new and  
second-hand.

And  
Collard & Collard Piano (good tone),  
and one Bichia.

(Full Particulars from Catalogues).  
Terms:—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, May 14, 1919.

## PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (For Account of the Concerned),

## TUESDAY,

May 20, 1919, at 2.30 p.m.,  
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux  
Road, Corner of Ice House Street,  
Students Microscope by  
Beck London.

Also  
Three boxes mounted specimens,  
chiefly natural history,  
all in first class condition.

Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers,  
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A QUANTITY OF  
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD LINENS,  
DRAWN WORK, & EMBROIDERIES,  
Comprising:—

HOUSEHOLD LINENS:—Single and  
Double Plain and Hemstitched Sheets,  
Pillow Cases, Double White Satin Quilts,  
Linen Damask Serviettes, Glass Cloths,  
Sath Towels, Face Towels, &c., &c.  
DRAWNWORK:—Bedspreads, Pillow  
Cases, Tray Cloths, &c., &c.  
EMBROIDERIES:—Bedspreads, Table  
Covers, Tea Cloths, Runners 18 by 54 in.

A few lots of Suit Cases and  
Attache Cases.

(All new goods and small lots to suit  
purchasers).

Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers,  
Hongkong, May 14, 1919.

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LORING, R.A. "one time station-  
ed here."

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THE CANTON INSURANCE  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDIN-  
ARY YEARLY MEETING OF  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held at  
the Offices of the Undersigned on  
WEDNESDAY, the 21st May, 1919,  
at 11.30 A.M.

The TRANSFER BOOKS and  
REGISTER of Members of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 7th  
May to the 21st May, 1919, both days  
inclusive.

Immediately after the above men-  
tioned Meeting the General Agents in  
pursuance of Article 17 of the Com-  
pany's Articles propose to ask the  
Consulting Committee to sanction a call  
of 850 per Share in respect of the  
monies unpaid on the shares held by  
members of the Company.

At the same time the General Agents  
will also under Article 104 (p) ask for  
the sanction of the Consulting Com-  
mittee to the payment of a special  
dividend of 250 per Share (payable  
immediately after the call) out of the  
Reserve Fund.

Should these sanctions be obtained  
the Transfer Books and Register of  
Members will be CLOSED for an  
additional 14 days, i.e., until and includ-  
ing the 4th June, 1919.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,  
General Agents,  
Hongkong, April 30, 1919.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC  
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the THIRTIETH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING will be held at  
the Company's Offices, St. George's  
Buildings, on SATURDAY, May 17,  
1919, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of  
presenting the Report of the Directors  
together with a Statement of Accounts  
to February 28, 1919, and electing  
Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Company will be CLOSED from May  
3 to May 17, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents,  
Hongkong, April 28, 1919.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
CANTON LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
the FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY  
YEARLY MEETING of the Society  
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and 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong,  
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Noon, for the purpose of receiving the  
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Statements of Account to 31st Decem-  
ber, 1918, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the  
Society will be CLOSED from the 12th  
May to 22nd May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
C. H. P. HAY,  
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Hongkong, May 9, 1919.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
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An important circular has been  
issued by the Cunard Company over  
the signature of Sir Alfred Booth,  
chairman.

After careful consideration, the  
directors have come to the conclu-  
sion that it would be desirable in the  
interests of the shareholders to make  
the issued capital of the company  
correspond more closely than it does  
at present with the value, on a  
conservative basis, of the net assets  
employed in the business. In order  
to achieve this object, they propose  
to capitalise the reserve fund  
to the extent of issuing to the  
shareholders one new fully-paid ordi-  
nary share for each ordinary share  
now held. The effect of this will be  
that the total number of ordinary  
shares issued will be doubled, but, as  
the total value of the net assets em-  
ployed in the business will be unal-  
tered, each share will be worth half  
as much as an ordinary share on the  
present basis of capitalisation. If  
the proposals be adopted, then what-  
ever amount the directors may at  
any time consider it prudent to dis-  
tribute as dividend or bonus will re-  
present, on the new capitalisation, a  
percentage of half what it would  
have been on the old.

The notice of the meeting sets  
out the resolutions which the direc-  
tors propose to submit to the share-  
holders for the purpose of carrying  
out this arrangement.

The annual meeting of the com-  
pany must, as provided by the articles,  
be held during the month of April,  
but owing to the depletion of staff  
and the complication of accounts  
under Government control, the  
audited statement of accounts will  
not be ready until later in the year.  
The directors are, however, satisfied  
that the profits of the company for  
the year 1916 will justify a dividend  
at the rate of 20 per cent. less income  
tax, on the ordinary shares as at  
present issued. If therefore the re-  
serve fund is capitalised as provided  
in the resolutions set out in the  
enclosed notice, and the ordinary  
share capital on which dividend will  
be payable is thereby doubled, the  
directors propose to recommend to  
the annual meeting, which will be  
held on April 30th, the payment of  
a dividend of 10 per cent. less income  
tax, on the total ordinary share  
capital as so increased. The annual  
meeting will be then adjourned to a  
later date











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S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	23rd May	10th June

FOR CALCUTTA VIA STRAITS AND RANGOON.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Calcutta about
ARRATOON APCAR	Early June	Due Calcutta June.

FOR SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Shanghai about
ARRATOON APCAR	20th May at 11.30 a.m.	25th May

Wireless on all steamers.

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## S.S. "TAIYU MARU"

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For freight &amp; further particulars apply to—

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RIJUN MARU	on 21st May.
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BORNEO MARU	on 15th July.
HOKUTO MARU	on 27th July.

For JAPAN PORTS	Leave Hongkong
BORNEO MARU	on 11th June.
HOKUTO MARU	on 11th June.
RIJUN MARU	on 4th July.
BANRI MARU	on 28th July.
BORNEO MARU	on 28th Aug.
HOKUTO MARU	on 9th Sept.

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DAIKOKU MARU	on 22nd May.
JAPAN PORTS—MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI & YOKOHAMA.	
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KEELONG, TAKAO via SWATOW, AMOY	
For TAKAO via SWATOW and AMOY	
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO	DATE
SINGAPORE & BANGKOK	LIAN	May 17, at 3 p.m.	
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	CHENAN	May 18, Daylight.	
SWATOW, WEIHAIWEI			
CHENGTOU & TIENTSIN	RUICHOW	May 18, at Noon.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK	CHANGTOW	May 19, at Noon.	
SHANGHAI	PAIKHO	May 20, at Noon.	
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	SUYANG	May 22, at Noon.	
SWATOW & BANGKOK	YUNGHOW	May 23, Daylight.	
SHANGHAI	TEAN	May 25, at Noon.	
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	May 27, at Noon.	

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STRAITS & CALCUTTA	CHAKSANG	SATURDAY, May 17, at 3 p.m.	
SHANGHAI via SWATOW	CHONGSANG	SUNDAY, May 18, Daylight.	
MANILA	WINGSANG	MONDAY, May 19, at 3 p.m.	
KOBE	HUMSANG	WEDNESDAY, May 21, at 5 p.m.	
SHANGHAI	YUNGSHING	FRIDAY, May 23, Daylight.	
MANILA	YUNGSANG	FRIDAY, May 23, at 3 p.m.	
TIENTSIN	CHONGSANG	SATURDAY, May 24, Daylight.	
SHANGHAI	HOPSANG	SATURDAY, May 24, Daylight.	

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Empress of Japan...	20th Aug.	10th Sept.
Empress of Russia...	4th Sept.	22nd Sept.
Monteagle...	27th Sept.	22nd Oct.
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## REORGANISING CHINA.

## AMBITION PLAN OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT.

The Peking correspondent of the *Shanghai Times* writing on April 11 says:

Government plans for the re-organization of the country were disclosed semi-officially to day in the presence of foreign correspondents. Their outline is given below:

## MILITARY.

(a)—Number of troops and amount of expenditure.—Statistics have been compiled which show that the total of troops at the present time is 1,290,557. These figures embrace both Northern Southern establishments. Their maintenance involved an annual expenditure of \$208,871,080. The military strength given above did not include the transport corps numbering 92,000 men. Neither did the above military expenditure include the \$40,000,000 required for the upkeep of the National Defence army. Naval expenditure amounted to \$7,150,000 per annum. Thus the aggregate expenditure for military and naval purposes reached an approximate amount of \$250,000,000. In other words, four-fifths of the total revenue of China was appropriated for military purposes.

(b)—Plan of disbandment.—It is proposed in the first place to reduce the number of troops to fifty divisions, which was the strength in 1916. Further reductions will be made later. Of the fifty divisions, thirty will be stationed in the various provinces to assist the police in the event of the latter being inadequate to preserve law and order. Ten divisions will be stationed in Mongolia, Sinkiang, Kansu, Kirin, Heilungkiang, and Tibet and other places for frontier defence. The remaining ten divisions will be stationed in the metropolitan area and in fortified points in the country.

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NEURALIA	28th May, at Noon	30th June	8th July
SOVARA	28th August	9th Sept.	15th Sept.

## BOMBAY via STRAITS & COLOMBO

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	Due Bombay about
DILWARA	23rd May	10th June

## CALCUTTA via STRAITS and RANGOON

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Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Tango Maru, 15,760 tons	SATURDAY, 24th May, at 11 a.m.
London & Antwerp via Suez	Niriko Maru, 8,900 tons	SATURDAY, 21st June, at 11 a.m.
Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said	Shidzen Maru, 12,520 tons	FRIDAY, 16th May, at Noon.
Melbourne via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Is., Townsville, Brisbane, & Sydney	Kaga Maru, 15,300 tons	SATURDAY, 31st May, at Noon.
New York via Japan	Aki Maru, 12,300 tons	WEDNESDAY, 21st May, at 11 a.m.
Bombay via Singapore & Colombo	Tatsuno Maru, 14,930 tons	TUESDAY, 27th May.
Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon	Kiria Maru, 7,760 tons	SATURDAY, 24th May.
	Tenzan Maru, — tons	MONDAY, 19th May.

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San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Ferisa Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 18th June.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China Mail S.S. Co.	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 21st May, at Noon.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China Mail S.S. Co.	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 2nd July.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Nanking	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 14th June.
Seattle, Pland, Vancouver & San Francisco	Western Knight	The Admiral Line	About 15th June.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma	Africa Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd May.
Victoria B.C., & Seattle via S'hai, &c.	Fushimi Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 22nd June, at 11 a.m.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Empress of Asia	Canadian O.S. Ltd.	On 18th June.
Vancouver via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Empress of Japan	Canadian O.S. Ltd.	On 25th June.
Sydney & Melbourne	Nantia Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 1st June.
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Australian Ports via Japan	Togo Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 24th June, at 11 a.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	Mishima Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th May, at Noon.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Choyang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th May, at Noon.
Shanghai & Taingao	Chenai	Butterfield & Swire	On 22nd May, at Noon.
Shanghai	Suiyang	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 21st May.
Haiphong	Daitoku Maru	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 24th May, at Noon.
Tientsin	Chongshing	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th May, at Noon.
Swatow, Wanchow, Chafco & Houtien	Kushow	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th May, at Noon.
Swatow & Bangkok	Changchow	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th May, at Noon.
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy	Naijo Maru	Douglas, Laporte & Co.	On 20th May, at 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haibang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 19th May, at 3 p.m.
Manila	Rickson Maru	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 21st May.
Java	Bendeluch	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About 23rd May.
Straits & Lando	Dilwara	P. & O. S.N. Co.	On 23rd May.
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Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said	Burma Maru	P. & O. S.N. Co.	On 23rd May.
Bombay & Colombo	Amir Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 23rd May.
London and Antwerp	Kaga Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 31st May, at Noon.
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## COMPANY REPORTS.

## CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the fiftieth ordinary meeting to be held on May 22—  
The Directors have now the pleasure to submit their Annual Report and Statement of the Company's Account made up to the December 31, 1918.

1917 Account.—This account shows a net profit on working of \$452,600.13 which sum it is proposed to apportion as follows:—  
Dividend of \$7.00 and Bonus of \$2.00 per Share on 20,000 shares ..... \$180,000.00  
To add to Reinsurance Fund \$130,000.00 ..... 130,000.00  
To write off Furniture Account ..... 1,425.00  
To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense A/c ..... 141,175.13

\$452,600.13

1918 Account.—The Balance at Credit of this Account is ..... \$1,083,677.09

## DIRECTORS:

Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. A. Plummer retire by rotation and being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

## AUDITORS:

The annexed accounts have been audited by Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown who offer themselves for re-election.

P. H. HOLYOAK,  
Chairman.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1917.  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

Net Premia Received, Less Returns and Reinsurances	\$1,255,373.00
Interest and Dividends	176,336.51
	\$1,431,709.51
Cr.	
Losses and Claims	\$745,172.05
Charges	107,793.49
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	8,000.00
Commission	118,143.84
Balance	452,600.13
	\$1,431,709.51

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1918.  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

Net Premia Received, Less Returns and Reinsurances	\$1,681,188.48
Interest and Dividends	184,656.36
	\$1,865,844.84
Losses and Claims	\$449,319.63
Charges	158,364.50
Directors' and Auditors' Fees	8,000.00
Commission	166,483.62
Balance	1,083,677.09
	\$1,865,844.84

## BALANCE SHEET, December 31, 1918.

Capital Account.— 20,000 Shares of \$100 each, \$20 per share paid up.....	\$400,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	1,000,000.00
Extra Reserve Fund \$25,000.....	148,377.12
Reinsurance Fund Account.....	835,357.59
Underwriting Suspense Account.....	343,052.82
Exchange and Investment Fluctuation Account.....	292,361.75
Sundry Creditors.....	196,856.58
Working Account 1917 Balance.....	452,600.13
Working Account 1918 Balance.....	1,083,677.09
	\$4,752,273.08

## ASSETS.

Cash at Bankers on Current and Deposit A/c.— Silver.....	\$1,168,879.03
Sterling.....	45,065 1 0
Investments— In Silver Securities.....	1,275,179.84
In Sterling Securities.....	75,199 12 6
	\$120,264 13 5
Loans on Mortgages— On Properties in Hongkong.....	\$656,250.00
On Properties in Shanghai.....	149,253.73
	805,503.73
Furniture Account— Office Furniture, &c.....	1,425.00
Sundry Debtors.....	787,504.41
	\$4,752,273.08

Sterling Exchange taken at 3/4 7/16.

P. H. HOLYOAK, Directors.  
S. H. DODWELL,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

## BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The report to the shareholders at the fifty-third ordinary meeting to be held at the Company's Offices at 12.45 p.m. on Thursday May 22, 1919.  
The Board has now to lay before the Shareholders a Balance Sheet containing a summary of the property and liabilities of the Company on December 31, 1918, and a statement of Accounts, together with the sterling equivalents, to the same date.

1917 Account.—After payment of the interim dividend of \$6 per share and the bonus of 20% to contributors, passed at the last annual meeting, there remains a balance of \$1,581,208.72 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that this sum be appropriated as follows:—  
A final dividend to shareholders of \$8 per share on 20,000 shares..... \$192,000.00

An addition to Reserve Fund of £5,208.68 @ exchange 3/4 7/16 in order to bring the Fund, after conversion of the Silver Reserve Fund into Sterling @ Exchange 3/4 7/16, up to £165,000..... 30,911.90  
An addition to the Reinsurance Fund of £120,000 @ Exchange 3/4 7/16..... 712,210.20  
To write off Leasehold Property Account £5,000 @ Exchange 3/4 7/16..... 29,675.42  
To be carried forward to Underwriting Suspense Account to close the account for the year 1917..... 616,411.20

\$1,581,208.72

1918 Account.—The Balance of Working Account on the 31st December 1918, was \$2,988,102.41 as per annexed statement. The Board recommends that an interim dividend of \$6 per share be paid to shareholders, absorbing \$144,000 and that a bonus of 20% be paid to contributors, absorbing about \$125,000 and that the remainder be carried forward.

## DIRECTORS:

Since the last General Meeting Mr. G. T. Edkins has resigned his seat on leaving the Colony and Mr. R. Ross Thomson of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire has joined the Board.  
In accordance with Clause 79 of the Articles of Association Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. J. A. Plummer retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

## AUDITORS.

Messrs. A. R. Lowe and C. Bernard Brown retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

P. H. HOLYOAK,  
Chairman.

HONGKONG, 22nd April, 1919.

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1917.  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

To Net Premium	723,229 8 2	\$ 4,292,428 01
Interest	48,289 18 9	286,604 90
	\$771,519 6 11	\$4,579,032 91
By Agency Commissions	15,426 15 5	91,559 19
Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges	51,900 18 8	308,036 44
Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors	2,173 4 9	12,898 35
Losses and Claims paid	398,606 2 6	2,365,761 23
	\$468,107 1 4	2,778,255 22
Bonus of 20% paid to Contributors	12,732 11 9	75,568 97
Interim Dividend of \$6 per Share	24,262 9 10	144,000 00
Balance	266,417 4 0	1,581,208 72
	\$771,519 6 11	\$4,579,032 91

WORKING ACCOUNT, 1918.  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1918.

To Net Premium	766,786 11 9	\$ 4,550,943 57
Interest	52,243 3 1	310,067 56
	\$819,029 14 10	\$4,861,011 13
By Agency Commissions	32,453 0 9	192,611 55
Head Office, Branches and Agency Charges	60,012 17 3	356,181 43
Remuneration to Directors, Committees and Auditors	2,164 11 2	12,846 84
Losses and Claims paid	220,935 3 1	1,311,268 90
Balance	503,464 2 7	2,988,102 41
	\$819,029 14 10	\$4,861,011 13

BALANCE SHEET.  
DECEMBER 31, 1918.

To Capital 24,000 Shares of \$33.33 each—\$2,000,000 upon which \$25 per share called and paid up.....	101,093 15 0	600,000 00
Reserve Fund—£159,791.13. 4.....	159,791 13 4	948,377 12
Reinsurance Fund £193,751.1. 8.....	193,751 1 8	1,149,929 14
Underwriting Suspense Account.....	65,786 2 4	390,446 18
Exchange Fluctuation Account.....	7,488 8 7	44,444 47
Investment Fluctuation Account.....	36,556 8 11	217,559 13
Working Account 1917 Balance.....	266,417 4 0	1,581,208 72
1918.....	503,464 2 7	2,988,102 41
Sundry Creditors.....	28,068 3 10	166,587 14
	\$1,362,517 0 3	\$ 8,086,654 31

By Cash with Bankers on Current and Deposit Accounts:—

Silver.....	49,832 19 0	295,881 50
Gold.....	204,908 8 6	1,216,148 90
Investments in Silver Securities.....	56,289 0 0	334,080 00
Investments in Gold Securities.....		
British.....	688,555 10 4	4,086,635 52
Foreign.....		
Sundry Debtors including Branch & Agency Balances:— Silver.....	12,873 18 0	76,407 72
Gold.....	42,058 17 10	249,623 10
	\$935,522 16 8	
Leasehold Property.....	307,978 6 7	1,827,877 57
	\$1,362,517 0 3	\$ 8,086,654 31

Sterling Exchange taken at 3/4 7/16.

P. H. HOLYOAK, Directors.  
STANLEY H. DODWELL,  
C. MONTAGUE EDE,  
General Manager.

Auditors' Report.—We report that we have examined the Accounts of the Company at the Head Office with the Books and Vouchers in Hongkong, and Returns received from the various Branches and Agencies for the year ending 31st December, 1918. We have also satisfied ourselves as to the existence and value of the Securities for Investment, the Cash at Bankers to the amounts specified. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required, and in our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information, and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Company.

A. R. LOWE, Chartered Accountants  
C. BERNARD BROWN,  
Auditors.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1919.

## ALLEGED FORGING OF A DEED.

## WEALTHY CHINESE WOMAN CHARGED.

A case which created a great deal of interest among the wealthier classes of Chinese, was heard by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistracy, yesterday, when Leung Wai Ching, a woman of smart appearance, was charged with: (1) abetting and procuring some person unknown to forge an indenture of mortgage, dated June 19, 1918, purporting to be made between one Ip Sze To Shi, the complainant, a Chinese woman, and Shui Tai Hing, and disposing of same knowing it to be forged; and (2) abetting, counselling, and procuring some person unknown to forge a deed poll, dated June 19, purporting it to be a Power of Attorney from one Ip Sze To Shi, to the defendant, and trying to dispose of the same knowing it to be forged, contrary to Sections 22 and 49 of Ordinance No. 4 of 1865.

Mr. E. E. Davidson prosecuted and Mr. W. E. L. Shenon appeared for the defence.  
Mr. Davidson made a long statement to the effect that complainant bought a property for \$10,000, the money being lent her by her husband, and subsequently mortgaged it to a Mr. Squire for \$6,000. The defendant, who is a relative of the complainant, is alleged to have persuaded her to mortgage the property to him, and by this means to have executed another mortgage on the same property for \$6,000. It is said that defendant represented to the second mortgagee that she held a Power of Attorney from complainant.

## TENNIS.

No. 33 CO. R.G.A. v. R.A.O.C.

This Garrison League match was played at Lyemur on Wednesday and after a close contest, won by the 88rd Company by five games.

Scores:—  
Bdr. Green and Gnr. Perkins, 88rd Co., lost to Lt.-Col. Coles and Rev. Bundle, 4-5; lost to Sub-Con. Harding and S.Sgt. Prior, 3-6; beat Capt. Mann and S.Sgt. Gibbons, 5-4.

Lieut. Mann and Bdr. Nicholls, beat Coles and Bundle, 5-4; beat Harding and Prior, 6-3; lost to Mann and Gibbons, 4-6.  
Capt. Lucy and Sgt. Athorne, beat Harding and Prior, 8-1; beat Mann and Gibbons, 5-4; lost to Coles and Bundle, 3-6.

Totals: No. 33 CO. R.G.A., 49 games; R.A.O.C., 39 games.

plaintain, is alleged to have persuaded the woman to impersonate complainant and by this means to have executed another mortgage on the same property for \$6,000. It is said that defendant represented to the second mortgagee that she held a Power of Attorney from complainant.  
The case was adjourned till this afternoon.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

"Reuter's Service to the China Mail."

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

BRITISH AND ESPECIALLY SMUTS, AS MUCH CREDIT AS WILSON.

IN FIXING PEACE TERMS, BRITISH MORE THAN FILLED THEIR WEIGHT.

Paris, April 30th.  
A prominent authority has mentioned the fact that although it is not generally realised, Britain's part in the work of the Peace Conference has been almost preponderant.  
He instances the League of Nations and the Labour Convention, pointing out that the latter was practically wholly a British achievement, whereas Britain claims at least an equal share with President Wilson in the preparation of the League, as the discussions of the League of Nations' Commission have been based on General Smuts' draft, and it was, doubtless, the recognition of Britain's part that a British official has been appointed the first Secretary of the League.  
The naval terms and air clauses of the Peace Treaty were substantially as drafted by the British authorities.  
Moreover, the proposal to abolish German conscription, one of the most important clauses emanated from Britain, while the British view that the Kaiser should be tried and those responsible for the atrocities punished ultimately prevailed.

The authority adds that Britain in other matters, like compensation for submarine, has more than pulled her weight.

WEAT GERMANY LOSES.  
As regards what Germany loses by the war, apart from human life, the following is noteworthy:—Germany loses 70 per cent. of her iron ore, 33 per cent. of her coal, 20 per cent. of her potash, between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 of her former inhabitants, a large proportion of whom are non-Germans; also her Colonies realised Britain's part in the work of and ships.

## RUSSIANS TIRED OF BOLSHEVISM.

London, April 30th.  
Reuter learns authoritatively that the Russian peasants are increasingly revolting against the Bolshevik Government, especially in the districts near the Volga and in Central Russia.  
The Soviet Government has proclaimed martial law in 22 districts. A large number of Soviet agents have been killed in Saratov and Smolensk.  
The Soviet Government at Moscow is seriously alarmed and is frantically appealing to the proletariat to resist General Koltchak's advance.  
Strikes in Petrograd during March were very acute. They were suppressed in the most brutal fashion, in one case boiling water being turned on the congregated workmen.

The Talkoo Dock Company is issuing invitations to the launching of the s.s. War Driver which has been built by the company to the order of the Shipping Controller. The launching takes place at 10 a.m. on May 20.

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## MANCHESTER WEEKLY MARKET REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton and Co., Ltd., Manchester, report on April 2:—  
Cotton values are now keeping fairly steady and during the past month prices have not moved very far from the average. This steadiness has not however had much effect on business which is still very quiet. The outlook as regards the next crop, which it is hoped will be a large one as in the years 1913-15, is not too encouraging as planters are being urged to reduce their cotton acreage lest the crop should be unprofitable owing to the present heavy cost of raising it. Whether they will accept such advice is open to question, but in any case, the weather is the most important factor. We heard of big reductions of acreage when foodstuffs were needed so badly a couple of years ago, but growers were not easily turned off growing cotton. The feature of the cloth market this week is that there has at last been some business done for India. A few lines of Dhooties have been booked for Calcutta and other markets in India are telegraphing enquiries for Printed and Dyed Goods, but what will be the position when they receive the reply telegrams three weeks after they were sent, one cannot say, and the thought which is uppermost is the disgust that such delays in business telegrams should be possible. We mentioned some time ago that the question of a reduction in the hours of working in the cotton trade would be coming forward, and that it was a certainty that some considerable reduction would be agreed upon and so add to the cost of production. This matter is being negotiated, but at the moment such negotiations seem almost an absurdity. The trouble at present is not excessive hours of labour, but excessive short time with the shadow of an absolute stoppage owing to lack of business. However, so far as the question of working hours, when there is work to do, is concerned, the present position is that the operatives are asking for a 44 hour week—they worked in pre-war days a 55 1/2 hour week; the employers have offered to reduce working hours to 49 1/2 hours, but since then a committee of the Industrial Council has unanimously recommended a 48 hour week in practically all trades, and this will probably be the basis of the ultimate settlement.

## BANVARD'S COMPANY GIVES UNALLOYED PLEASURE.

The Banvard's Musical Comedy Company continued their run of full houses last night. They presented "Oh Papa" for the first time and it proved an instantaneous hit. All the girls were if anything in better form last night, and extremely vivacious. The "play" intrudes itself occasionally and gives the charming chorus girls time to robe in another set of original and delightful dresses. Unalloyed pleasure of the audience was obvious.

## HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued by Mr. J. W. Frank, D.S.P.R.

## LEAVE.

Orchestra Conductor Gonzales has been granted three months' leave to date from 21st May. His duties will be undertaken during his absence, by Assistant Bandmaster Rodrigues.

## WEATHER REPORT.

May 16d. 13d. 17m.—No returns from Japan and continental stations north of Foochow. Pressure has decreased slightly over the Philippines, and increased slightly elsewhere. The Tongking depression has partly filled up.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.1 inch. Total since January 1st, 12.12 inches, against an average of 13.66 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 17th.  
1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds, fresh, fair.  
2.—Provinces (Chane). N. winds, strong, moderating.  
3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook. The same as No. 1.  
4.—North coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.  
Hongkong Observatory, May 16, 1919.

## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1914-15.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 1 inch below mean sea-level.  
To obtain the depth of water on the tide range at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the range at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 4 inches to the height given in the table.

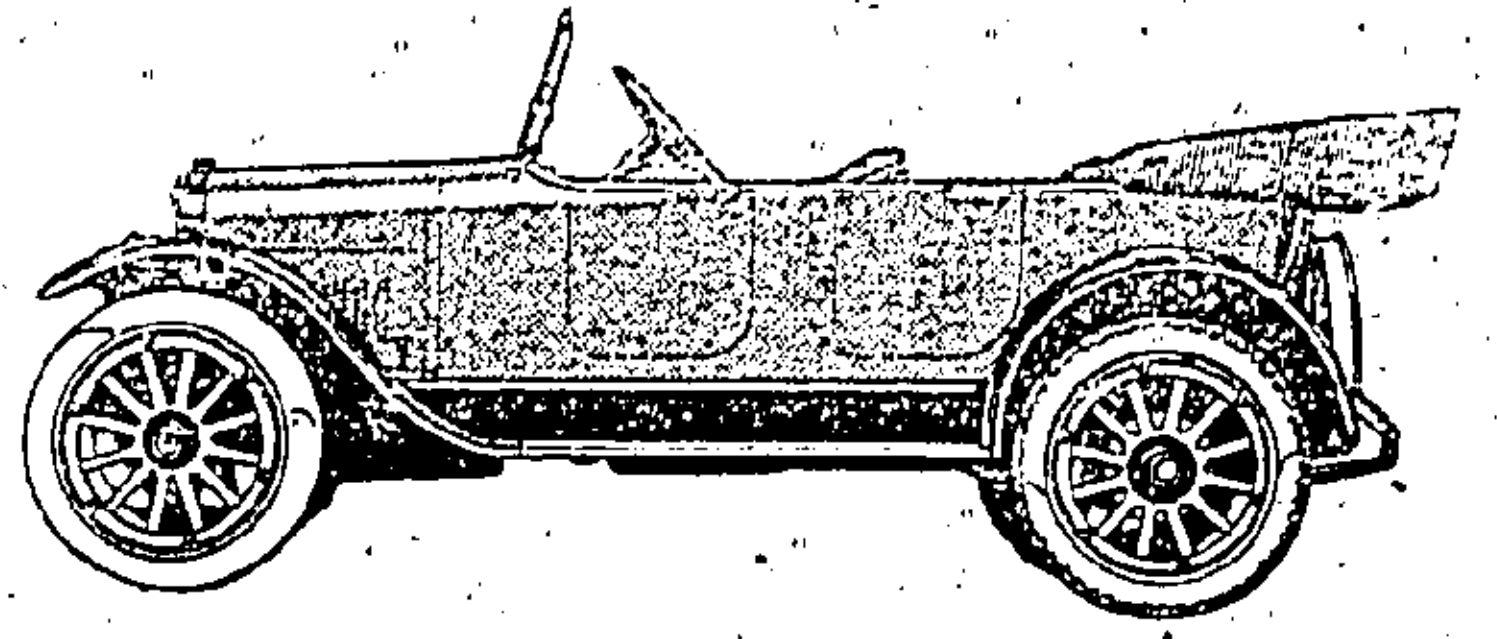
May 17 to 23, 1919.

Date	High Water		Low Water	
	Time	Height	Time	Height
Sat	17 m 53	7.1	m 3.11	3.2
Sun	18 m 0.14	7.1	m 3.23	3.2
Mon	19 m 10.21	7.1	m 3.04	3.2
Tue	20 m 10.57	7.1	m 2.85	3.2
Wed	21 m 11.38	7.1	m 2.66	3.2
Thurs	22 m 12.19	7.1	m 2.47	3.2
Fri	23 m 13.00	7.1	m 2.28	3.2

## HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous day	On date at 8 a.m.		On date at 8 p.m.	
	Temp.	Humidity	Temp.	Humidity
Barometer	29.78	89.78	29.70	
Temperature	78	71	73	
Humidity	80	87	75	
Direction of Wind	ENE	E	E	
Force	4	5	4	
Weather	0	0	0	
Rain	0.08	0.00	0.01	

Highest open air Temperature on the 15th-79  
Lowest open air Temperature on the 15th-71  
T. F. CLAYTON, Director.  
Hongkong Observatory, May 16, 1919.



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The formation of the association is the result of an increasing demand for aviation insurance, and underwriters consider that this will be best served by a strong association having the resources necessary to create an expert and world wide organization. No effort will be spared in producing forms of policies and rates of premiums to meet trade and other requirements.

A preliminary prospectus and proposal forms for the various risks undertaken will be issued this week, and will be forwarded upon request.

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# SINGAPORE RUBBER SHARE MARKET.

MESSRS. FRASER & CO.'S QUOTATIONS.

SINGAPORE, April 26.	
Alor Gajah (S)	3.25 3.45
Amal Malay (S)	2.25 2.40
Ayer Hitam (S)	12.00 13.00
Ayer Kuning (S)	1.20 1.30
Ayer Molek (S)	2.40 2.50
Ayer Panas (S)	11.00 11.50
Batu Gajah (S)	5.00 5.25
Batu Lintang (S)	0.95 1.05
Batu Pahat (S)	13.75 14.50
Batu Pinar (S)	0.75 1.00pm
Batu Tiram (S)	0.80 0.70
Batu Tiram (S)	1.00 1.10
Batu Tiram (S)	2.55 2.75
Batu Tiram (S)	0.65 0.75
Batu Tiram (S)	11.00
Changkat Siding (S)	8.00 8.25
Glensay (S)	2.25 2.50
Haytor (S)	7.00 8.00
Indragit (S)	7.35 7.50
Jaram (S)	1.40 1.50
Jarak (S)	1.30 1.40
Kamuan (S)	4.25 4.75
Kedah (S)	3.45 3.65
Kelomak R. (S)	6.00 6.35
Kempas (S)	7.90 8.10
Kluang (S)	5.75 6.10
Lunas (S)	7.90 8.25
Malaka Pinda (S)	2.60 2.70
Malakoff (S)	4.45 4.60
Mandak-Tekong (S)	0.75 0.85
Mengui (S)	6.75 6.25
New Serendah (S)	2.90 3.15
Nyalas (S)	7.35 8.15
Pajam (S)	12.70 13.25
Pantai (S)	1.20 1.40
Pantai (S)	2.45 2.60
Pantai (S)	2.45 2.60
Pantai (S)	4.00
Pantai (S)	0.85 0.75
Rodella (S)	10.50 11.00
Sandycroft (S)	3.65 4.00
Sundai (S)	7.55 7.75
Sembong (S)	0.25 0.35
Sungei Bagan (S)	3.60 3.75
Sungei Patah (S)	0.45 0.55pm
Tambak (S)	0.90 1.05
Tapak (S)	16.50 17.50
Tekong (S)	11.00 12.00
Temoleh (S)	1.15 1.30
Trafalgar (S)	1.15 1.30
Ulu Pandan (S)	0.80 0.90
United Malacca (S)	1.35 1.45
Utan Simpan (S)	3.00 3.30

# HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 16th MAY, 1919. OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

WEEK DATA.	
7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.	
8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	
9.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.	
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